

City of Milpitas
Unapproved Minutes
Telecommunications Commission
January 12, 2004

I. Call to Order & Roll Call:

Chair Alcorn called the meeting to order.

Members Present: A. Alcorn, N. Gupta, P. Peterson, R. Gopalara, , G. Ali-Santosa, I. Munir, D. Gupta, W. Lam, P. Gupta, A. Ettinger

I.S. Staff: B. Marion, E. Pasion City Council: A. Gomez

Members Absent, V. Mathur

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

The Commission recited The Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Announcements:

No announcements were made from the Commission or from staff.

IV. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

M/S N. Gupta/R. Gopalara Ayes: 8

**V. Approval of the Minutes
December 15, 2003**

Motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

M/S N. Gupta/R. Gopalara Ayes: 8

VI. Citizen's Forum

N/A

VII. Continued-New Business:

1. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair 2004.

Chair Alcorn welcomed the Commissioners to offer nominations for a new Chair and Vice Chair for 2004.

Commissioner N. Gupta nominated Albert Alcorn to serve as Chair. Commissioner Alisantosa seconded that nomination. No other nominations were made for the post of Chair to the Telecommunications Commission. The Commission voted close that nomination and then voted unanimously to elect Albert Alcorn as Chair of the Telecommunications Commission for 2004.

Newly re-elected Chair Alcorn opened that floor for nominations to the post of Vice Chair to the Telecommunications Commission. Commissioner Alisantosa nominated Commissioner N. Gupta to serve as Vice Chair to the Commission. Commissioner Gopalara seconded the nomination. The Commission voted close that nomination

and then voted unanimously to elect Niranjan Gupta as Vice Chair of the Telecommunications Commission for 2004.

2. Update of cable franchise Comcast.

CIO, Bill Marion, provided a brief background of the cable television franchise. Staff reported that the planned discussions on the cable television franchise with Comcast had been cancelled due to emergency matters on the part of the cable company.

In the meantime, staff is moving forward with a written letter requesting response to the franchise fee audit to the City by the end of January 2004.

Staff noted that it reviewed recent cable television franchise fee audits in southern California.

Chair Alcorn asked of the response to the previous technical audit document. Staff is still waiting for formal response to past inquiries. City staff is still waiting for response the technical and franchise fee audits.

The City's backup plans will be through established FCC legal guidelines for further actions. Currently, there are no alternative cable companies seeking new cable franchises in the bay area. Staff is working to possibly have the cable franchise matters completed by April 2004.

Motion to note receipt and file.

M/S R. Gopalara/D. Gupta Ayes: 8

VIII. Adjournment of Meeting

Chair Alcorn requested a motion to adjourn the to Monday, February 23, 2004.

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